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Hardy Street improvement project completed

LĪHU'E – Local officials gathered earlier this week to celebrate the completion of the Hardy Street improvements in Līhu'e.

The \$8 million project includes major enhancements that span the entire roadway, approximately 0.7 miles from Kūhiō Highway to Rice Street.

“This is the first Complete Streets project in the state, and it serves as an example of how a street can be designed to enable safe passage for all users, regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation. There are also health benefits and more choices for getting around. It encourages people to exercise more, and provides better connectivity between residences, schools and businesses,” said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. “I’d like to thank everyone at all levels of government as well as our private partners who helped to bring this project to completion.”

Councilmember JoAnn Yukimura, who also attended the event expressed her pleasure with the Hardy Street project and how it is an important step toward a multi-modal land transportation system on Kaua’i.

“By moving in this direction, I see a wonderful future for Kaua’i with less impact on climate change, more safety, more health, fewer accidents, and more functionality in our land transportation system,” said Yukimura.

The improvements to Hardy Street include: continuous sidewalks; travel lanes with landscaped median islands; turn lanes; bike lanes; on-street parking; planter strips; and a roundabout at the intersection of Hardy and Umi streets.

In addition, the project has resulted in an improved and expanded bus bay, bus stop, and bus shelters for The Kaua'i Bus at the intersection of Hardy and Eiwa streets.

Other improvements include better drainage, utility adjustments, roadway lighting, crosswalks, and curb ramps.

The Hardy Street improvements was a collaborative effort between the Bow Construction Management Service, Inc., County of Kaua'i, Earthworks Pacific, Inc., Federal Highway Administration, Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. and SSFM International Inc.

Funding for the project was provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the County of Kaua'i.

The integration of Complete Streets concepts in all county road projects is part of Mayor Carvalho's *Holo Holo 2020* vision for Kaua'i.

His vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

To see the complete list of the *Holo Holo 2020* projects, please go to the county website, www.kauai.gov.



